to be hampered due to the financial crisis in Government sectors during the financial year 2003-04;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the extent aforesaid to which the ongoing projects are likely to be delayed as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABATRA MOOKHERJEE): (a) to (c) Allocations for the Annual Plan of Centre are made by the Planning Commission on the basis of detailed discussion with each of the Ministries and departments. The overall outlay for the Annual Plan and its allocation across different Ministries and projects has to be within the budgetary resources that are made available for financing of the Plan. Therefore the approach adopted by the Commission is to make the administrative Ministries and departments to prioritize their projects and schemes. The emphasis is on ensuring that ongoing projects are provided requisite funds in keeping with the time frame for their completion. The above approach is being continued for the Annual Plan 2003-04. The details of the Plan allocation for different Ministries and departments of the Centre will form part of the Union Budget for 2003-04.

Schemes for Andaman and Nicobar Islands

1044. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what are the developmental schemes that have been launched or likely to be launched in the Andaman and Nicobar Islands after his visit to these Islands in January, 2003; and

(b) by when, the inter-Island helicopter service is likely to be operational there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABATRA MOOKHERJEE): (a) As decided during the Prime Minister's visit to the Islands in January 2003, the Standing Committee of Secretaries

are being entrusted with the time-bound responsibility of developing and recommending a policy for development of tourism, fisheries, high-value agriculture and hydro-carbon energy resources in these Islands that harmonises the need to meet developmental aspirations with environmental and strategic concerns.

(b) The inter-Island helicopter services in A&N Islands are likely to start from the first week of March, 2003.

Economic Reforms

1045. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the economic reforms have by passed poorer States while the rich States have become richer; and

(b) if not, the comparative economic indicators of five rich States *vis-a-vis* five poor States since the year 1992?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRI SATYABRATA MOOKHERJEE): (a) and (b) The economic performance of the States during the post reform period, measured by the growth rate of Gross State Domestic Product (GSDP) at constant (1993-94) prices from 1993-94 to 1999-2000 are given in the Statement, (*see* below) The State-wise Per Capita Income for the Year 1993-94 and 1999-2000 are also provided in descending order in the Statement.

Statement

Economic performance of States

Sl. No.	State/UT	Per capita Income (in Rupees) (1993-94 prices)		Compound Annual Average Growth Rate of GSDP* (in per cent)
		1993-94	1999-2000	1993-94 To 1999-2000
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Goa	16558	27405	10.0%